



COPS Fact Sheet

Community Oriented Policing Services

www.usdoj.gov/cops/

COPS MORE 2000

COPS MORE 2000 (Making Officer Redeployment Effective) is one of several grant programs developed by the U.S. Department of Justice under the 1994 Crime Act to increase the deployment of community policing officers to America's streets. This program, which is open to all qualified law enforcement agencies, is designed to expand the time available for community policing by current law enforcement officers.

These COPS MORE 2000 grants will be used to hire civilian support staff only. This allows law enforcement agencies to redeploy officers so more of their time is spent on the streets in community policing activities instead of filling out paperwork.

Funding Provisions

State, local, and other public law enforcement agencies are eligible for grants under COPS MORE 2000. Applications will be reviewed competitively. Up to \$36 million is available in funding under COPS MORE 2000.

The most important requirement in this application is a demonstration of how COPS MORE 2000 funds will result in actual increases in the number of sworn officers deployed in community policing equal to, or greater than, the number of officers that would result from grants of the same amount for hiring new officers. A more detailed explanation of these terms is provided in the COPS MORE 2000 Application Kit, which is currently available on our website, www.cops.usdoj.gov, or by calling 1-800-421-6770.

Some examples of civilian positions that can be funded under COPS MORE 2000 include dispatchers, civilian jailers, clerks or community service officers. Please refer to the Application Kit for more examples.

Grants cover up to 75 percent of the total cost of the civilian salaries for one year, up to \$25,000. Therefore, agencies

receiving grants are required to provide a minimum 25 percent local cash match. Waivers of the local cash match requirement are granted only in cases of extreme local fiscal hardship. It may be possible, pending congressional appropriations, to renew grants for civilian hiring for up to two additional years.

COPS MORE 2000 funds must not be used to replace funds that agencies otherwise would have devoted to civilian hiring. In other words, any use of COPS MORE 2000 funds must be in addition to, and not in lieu of, previous funding commitments for law enforcement. In addition, the applicants are required to include a retention plan. This plan must outline how with state or local funds, the agency will maintain the awarded civilian positions and the resulting level of redeployment, for at least one full locally-set budget cycle after Federal funding has ended.

Agencies requiring help with the development of community policing plans can request technical assistance from the COPS Office at 1-800-421-6770.

An award under COPS MORE 2000 will not affect the eligibility of an agency for other COPS programs. Similarly, agencies receiving funding under other COPS programs are eligible to apply for COPS MORE 2000 funds. However any prior award may be considered in the assessment of the agency's need for additional resources under COPS MORE 2000.

Application Deadlines

The COPS Office will only accept applications for COPS MORE 2000 postmarked on or before July 14, 2000. Applications that are postmarked on or before June 30, 2000 will be given priority consideration. Applications postmarked after July 14, 2000 will **NOT** be eligible for funding.

For more information or to obtain an application, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770.